



Activities and Directions

Directions to the Summit Area (mountain and crater): From Kahului, take Highway 36 to 37 to 377 to 378 straight into the park. You can also follow the road signs.

Directions to the Kīpahulu Area (coastal): From Kahului, take Highway 360 (Hāna Hwy) 12 miles past the town of Hāna. Or – From Kahului, take Highway 36 to 37 to 31 around the south side of the island. Warning: Portions of Hwy 31 are unpaved.

Park Programs

There are a variety of park programs offered every day here at Haleakalā NP from presentations to our **Citizen Scientist Project**. Participate in at least 3 Citizen Scientist stations to earn your badge. Stop by Park Headquarters and discover what is happening today.

Go on a hike

There are over 37 miles of trails here in the park. See the trail ideas below for information on self-guided hikes. Detailed hiking maps are available at the visitor centers.

20 minute, naturalist-guided hikes along Sliding Sands Trail (next to Haleakala Visitor Center) are offered daily at 9:00am, 10:00am, and 11:00am. No reservations are necessary.

Jr. Ranger Program

Do you have the right stuff? With the help of a parent, curious kids between 7 and 12 years of age can earn their badge in about one hour and help us in our work.

Bird Watching

In Hosmers Grove, there is a short 30 minute nature loop where you can observe our native endemic birds such as the i'iwi, 'apapane, 'amakihi, and if you're very lucky maybe an 'akohekohe.

Drive to the Summit

The summit of Haleakalā is 10,023 ft. above sea level. The summit provides a 360° view of Maui that includes the "crater" and neighboring islands. There is no hiking trail leading to the summit, but there are trails near the Haleakalā Visitor Center at 9,740 ft.

Sunset

The tour books often leave out that sunset can be just as spectacular, if not better, than sunrise. The park entrance and the bathrooms are open 24 hours a day and there's the added bonus of not having to wake up early in the morning. Dress for very cold temperatures.

Star Watching

Experience one of the world's best views of the night sky. Come up to watch the stars, and you will be participating in an activity which has happened for thousands of years on the summit of Haleakalā. Dress for very cold temperatures.

At our Kīpahulu Area

The Kīpahulu area of the park has its own beauty and activities.

The 4-mile-round-trip Pīpīwai Trail travels through a variety of vegetation, including a bamboo forest, and ends at the 400-foot Waimoku Falls.

Park programs change daily. Stop by the visitor center to find out about guided hikes, walks, and cultural demonstrations.

Relax, have a picnic, and enjoy the views.



Where can I hike?

Here are some ideas to get you started.

Hosmers Grove

Hosmers Grove loop

Beginning elevation: 6800ft/2072m

Distance (round trip): 1mi/1.7km

Elevation Change: Minimal

What you can see: Rare and endangered birds as well as native and non-native landscape

Halemau'u Trailhead

Halemau'u to crater rim

Beginning Elevation: 7990ft/2436m

Distance (one way): 1.1mi/1.8km

Elevation Change: 400ft/122m

What you can see: Great views of the Maui's north shore and the crater; Native plants including multi-colored ferns

Halemau'u to Silversword Loop

Beginning Elevation: 7990ft/2436m

Distance (one way): 4.6mi/7.4km

Elevation Change: 1400ft/427m

What you can see: Views of the cloud forest and the lava landscape; 'āhinahina (Silversword) in all stages of life

Leleiwi Overlook

Leleiwi Overlook Trail

Beginning Elevation: 8840ft/2694m

Distance (one way): Less than 1mi/1.6km

Elevation Change: Minimal

What you can see: Beautiful views of the crater

Keonehe'ehe'e (Sliding Sands) Trailhead

Keonehe'ehe'e to Halemau'u Trailhead

Beginning Elevation: 9740ft/2969m

Distance (one way): 11.2mi/18.0km

Elevation Change: 3000ft/914m

What you can see: Varied environments including cloud forest and the lava landscapes

Transportation option: Park the car at the Halemau'u Trailhead and hitchhike (using hitchhiker's turnout) up to the Keonehe'ehe'e Trailhead. Hike out Halemau'u Trail to the car.

Keonehe'ehe'e to "split rock"

Beginning Elevation: 9740ft/2969m

Distance (one way): 2mi/3.2km

Elevation Change: 500ft/152.4m

What you can see: Colorful layers of cinder leading to a new view of the cinder cones and unique rock formations that look great in photos

Keonehe'ehe'e to as far down as you want

Beginning elevation: 9740ft/2969m

Distance (one way): Up to 9.5mi/15km

Elevation change: Up to 3360ft/1024m

What you can see: Multicolored cinder cones, ever-changing clouds, and 'āhinahina